

California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program

ELAP Resources

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Staff Resources

- 24 ELAP staff
 - 5 Administrative
 - 3 Supervisors/Manager
 - 3 Aquatic Toxicity/Bioassay/Microbiology Specialists
- 13 Technical
 - 6 Other critical technical regulatory assignments
- 7 Auditors/On-Site Assessment (OSA) staff
 - Not equal in knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience
 - 4 - USEPA Drinking Water Certification Officer (CO)
 - Need CO refresher training
 - 3 - Not COs/Focus on enforcement activities

Only Drinking Water Requirements

- 750 certified laboratories
- Certify 400 drinking methods
- USEPA requires audit frequency – every 3 years
- $400 \div 3 = 133$ audits per year
- $133 \div 4$ COs = 33 audits per year
- $33 \div 12 = 3$ audits per month
- 4 CO's work load also includes other regulatory requirements:
 - OSA for new applications requesting drinking water methods
 - OSA for amendment applications requesting drinking methods
 - Review notices of new drinking water instruments or location change
- Doesn't include
 - Re-inspections to ensure corrective actions
 - Other audits for FOTs included in application (hazardous waste/waste water)

Program Resource Issues

- At this time, resources are strained
- Constantly prioritizing to:
 - Meet regulatory requirements
 - Efficient and effective
- Limping along
- Can address resources issues, but only with Time
 - Training /PT database/Accountability
- Looking for a recommendation to address programmatic resources issues



Questions?

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